

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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### Yellow Fever Information

The Foreign Travel Clinic of Alachua County Health Department is authorized to provide the Yellow Fever vaccination and to validate the required International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis. This vaccine is a live virus vaccine which does replicate and grow in the vaccinated person, but does not cause disease because it has been attenuated, or weakened in the laboratory. Some people are at an increased risk for side effects, which are rare, but have included deaths. Those persons that do not have a healthy immune system, are receiving medications or treatments that impair the immune system, have cancer, or have a history of allergy to eggs, chicken, or gelatin must discuss the risks of taking the live virus vaccine with their physician prior to the consult at Alachua County Health Dept. **Anyone age 60 or older must obtain a prescription from their primary physician and bring with them to the Foreign Travel consult.** If there is a medical reason for **avoiding** a yellow fever vaccine, the physician needs to give the traveler a signed and dated exemption letter clearly stating the contraindications to the vaccine. If you will be getting this exemption letter, please call the Foreign Travel Clinic for more details (352)334-8871. If the physician feels that the traveler's medical condition is mild enough that it is safe for the individual to receive a Yellow Fever vaccination, the physician needs to give the traveler a signed statement stating that the patient, "Name and DOB" "is immune competent enough to receive the live virus vaccine for Yellow Fever." This letter must be brought to the consult appointment if you wish to have the Yellow Fever vaccine given at the time of the visit.

The countries of the world where there is a known risk of Yellow Fever and countries where travelers are required to have the Yellow Fever vaccine prior to entering the country is listed below. All **bold** print countries **require** the vaccination. See also: [www.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2014](http://www.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2014).

**Angola**

Argentina

**Benin**

Brazil

**Burkina Faso**

**Burundi**

**Cameroon**

**Central African Republic**

Chad

Colombia

**Congo, Republic of the**

**Cote D'Ivoire**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Ecuador

Equatorial Guinea

Ethiopia

**French Guiana**

**Gabon**

The Gambia

**Ghana**

Guinea

**Guinea-Bissau**

Eritrea

Tanzania

Bolivia

Guyana

**Liberia**

Kenya

**Mali**

Mauritania

**Niger**

Nigeria

Panama

Paraguay

Peru

**Rwanda**

**Sao Tome and Principe**

Senegal

**Sierra Leone**

Somalia

Sudan

Suriname

Tanzania

**Togo**

Trinidad and Tobago

Uganda

Venezuela

South Sudan

Zambia

The countries in **bold** print **require** a completed International Certificate of Vaccination (ICV) for Yellow Fever prior to entry in the country. Other countries may also require this certificate if you have traveled through or stopped in a country that has the Yellow Fever virus. Country requirements for the Yellow Fever vaccination may change at any time; therefore CDC encourages travelers to check with the destinations country's embassy or consulate before departure. The destinations country is not required to accept a medical exemption letter. The International Health Regulations allow any country to require proof of vaccination for entry from travelers arriving from any of the above countries. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Foreign Travel Clinic at (352)334-8871.

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